

III. Amendments to the Drawings

Replacement sheets of the amended drawings including changes to Figures 1 and 2 is enclosed. Specifically, reference numerals 15 and 19 have been added to Figure 1 and reference numerals 17, 19 and 21 have been added to Figure 2.

IV. Remarks

Reconsideration and reexamination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested. After entering this amendment, claims 1-10 remain pending.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to better define what is been shown in the Figures. The specification now describes that the housing 16 is mounted to the roof 15. This is clearly shown in Figure 1 and described in paragraph [0008].

Because the use of infrared devices requires line-of-sight connections, an interior lamp, which is usually mounted on the ceiling or headliner of the passenger compartment of a vehicle, is a preferred place to locate the lamp assembly 16.

(Current Application, paragraph [0008]).

Also, the specification has been amended to better describe that the lamp assembly includes a housing and a lens defining a lamp chamber. The housing and lens are shown in both Figure 1 and 2. Furthermore, both Figure 1 and Figure 2 show lines denoting the light produced by both the light source and the transmitter. Since both the light source and the light produced by the transmitter must be emanated to the passenger compartment of the vehicle, it is readily apparent that a lens must comprise part of the lamp assembly in order for the invention to operate.

Claim Rejections 35 USC §103(a)

In a previous office action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 4,313,208 to Kavenik ("Kavenik") in view of US Patent 6,462,775 to Loyd et al. ("Loyd") and further in view of US Publication No. 2003/0024897 A1 to Shamoona et al. ("Shamoona") and US Patent Application Publication 2002/0075965 to Claesson et al. (Claesson"). The Applicants responded to this rejection, but the Examiner found the arguments unpersuasive.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the lamp assembly includes a housing and a lens defining a lamp chamber. The transmitter is located within the

lamp chamber and adapted to transmit signals through the lens. None of the cited references disclose a lamp assembly having a housing and a lens defining a lamp chamber and a transmitter adapted to transmit signals through the lens. The lens in Loyd is only adapted to transmit light generated by a light source through the lens. Loyd does not disclose a transmitter configured to transmit signals through the lens.

When combining references to make an obviousness rejection, there must be some motivation or suggestion within the references themselves to make the combination. In Loyd, the invention relates to visual surveillance systems, and more particularly to covert surveillance systems which provide remote control of the camera functions within the street lamps while also providing a remote control directional antenna. (Loyd, column 1, lines 13-17). Loyd makes no suggestion and provides no motivation to combine the features of a street lamp with an entertainment system for a passenger compartment of a vehicle mounted to the roof of the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The technologies are unrelated and one skilled in the art would not be compelled or even consider a street lamp art as a source of technology. Finally, none of the other references make any suggestion or provide any motivation to combine the features of any of the references.

In that the references individually and combined fail to disclose or suggest the features of the present invention and, furthermore, in that there is no motivation or suggestion to combine the references, it must be concluded that combination of Kavenik in view of Loyd cannot render the claims of the present application obvious. The claim rejections under 35 USC §103 are not proper and should be withdrawn. The remaining claims are dependent on claim 1 and, therefore, are allowable for at least the same reasons given above in support of claim 1.

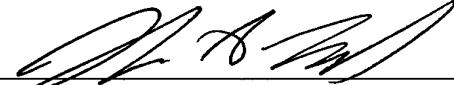
Conclusion

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is not in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Replacement Sheets of Drawings (two sheets)